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POPULAR SCIENCE.

The scientist declares that ninety per cent. of man is water.

The best of rules, sextants, quadrants, compasses, lances and knives are made of worn out saws.

A man at Hartford, Conn., received a shock from an electric wire, and was supposed to be dead for some minutes, but was revived by another shock.

A workman in the Carson (Nev.) mint has discovered that drill points, heated to a cherry red and tempered by being driven into a bar of lead, will bore through the hardest steel or plate glass without perceptible blunting.

Analysis of natural gas shows the proportion of each constituent in 100 parts of the gas to be as follows: Carbonic acid and carbonic oxide, 6 each; oxygen, 8; olefant gas, 1; ethylic hydride, 5; marsh gas, 67; hydrogen, 22; nitrogen, 3. It has been estimated by Professor Kirchhoff, of Halle, that the language most spoken on the globe—for the last thousand years, at least—is Chinese, for it is without doubt the only one which is talked by over 400,000,000 of the human race.

The use of electric motors as a substitute for the steam engine is rapidly increasing. In cities which are provided with an electric lighting plant, the dynamo can be used during the day to furnish a current for operating motors in workshops and small factories at a less expense than that of a steam engine.

In calico printing works it is customary to supply each printing machine with a separate engine to drive it. One reason for this arrangement is that every time a fresh pattern is put into the machine it requires to be driven with exceeding slowness, and is frequently stopped until the attendant has adjusted all the rollers, so that the various parts of the pattern fall exactly in the right place.

An instrument called the osteotome has been invented as an improvement over the tedious and clumsy surgical methods of cutting through bones by means of saws and chisels. It is practically a circular saw revolving at very high speed by an electric motor. An ingenious device shield, which passes around the bone to be operated upon, protects the surrounding flesh from injury.

A French gardener does not care what kind of soil he starts with. He would be satisfied with an asphalt pavement, because he makes his soil, and so much of it that he has to sell it to keep his place from being gradually raised above the level of the surrounding country. When a farmer once understands the laws of chemistry he has no difficulty in making soil that contains all the materials needed for plant life.

Heavy machinery is now run by artesian-well power in many parts of France, and the experience of the French shows that the deeper the well the greater the pressure and the higher the temperature. The famous Grenelle well, sunk to the depth of 1800 feet and flowing daily 500,000 gallons, has a pressure of sixty pounds to the square inch, the water being also so hot that it is used for heating the hospitals.

An ingenious employe of a New Jersey concrete firm has invented a paving composition which has some very remarkable features. He claims that his preparation, the composition of which he keeps secret, is just as durable as stone, but is soft and elastic to the tread, so that it is not only pleasant to walk upon, but actually gives the foot an impulse like that—in a lesser degree, of course—gained from a spring board. Whether his invention be a possibility or not, something of the kind would certainly be acceptable to tired townfolk whose feet ache and blister as they stamp along on the hard and noisy pavement.

A Turkish Dinner.
Rousseau has said that from the food of a nation you can tell its character; if this is true, no better spot for the study of ethnology can be found than Constantinople. Doubtless, if it be desired, an opportunity will occur of dining with many nationalities. By all means accept an invitation to dine with a Turkish Pasha, says a writer in Cornhill. I had the pleasure of taking a meal with the Governor of Drama, who is passing rich for a Turk, seeing that he rules over the plains where the chief tobacco farms are, and his opportunities for amassing wealth are many and varied. Silence and expectation are the chief characteristics of a Turkish meal. The table preparations are few, but the dishes are many: olives, caviare, cheese, etc., are dotted about, and perhaps as many as ten dishes are handed round on covered brazen dishes, consisting of rice or barley, meat or boiled fish, cakes seasoned with vegetables, roast lamb, beans, a species of risotto wrapped up in vine leaves, the inevitable pilaf and fruits. Each person has his glass of sherbet by him, and his piece of unleavened bread, for the Turks love half-baked dough. It will comfort the European to see every one wash his hands before his meal, for forks are unknown, and each is expected to dip his fingers into the savory morsel as it is handed to him. During the whole of the feeding process scarcely four or five words will be uttered, and at the most your repast will last twenty minutes, but then, afterwards, with the coffee and the hubble-bubble, conversation will flow freely. To the Turk eating is a serious gastronomic exercise, which will not admit of any conversation being entered into during its progress.

Opium Smokers Increasing.
The number of opium smokers in China appears, according to Mr. Consul Hughes, to be increasing. Even women, he tells us, are now in the habit of frequenting opium dens; but efforts are being made by the Chinese authorities, with the assistance of the municipal police, to prevent the spread of this demoralizing custom. The customs returns show a great falling off in the importations of opium, but this is because the native production has superseded the supplies from India. Shanghai draws its present supplies chiefly from the north of China. A leading merchant affirms that it is mixed with Indian to the extent of thirty to thirty-five per cent., but other authorities put it lower.

Rhode Island is 40 miles wide, east and west.

There are fifty-five cheese factories in Chautauque county, N. Y. Last year their total product was \$744,521.

CURIOUS FACTS.

Ezekiel's read was eleven feet. Bolivia declared its independence in 1821.

The sword is the earliest weapon mentioned in Scripture. Aureliana was the first Roman Emperor who wore a diadem.

The first notice of batter'ng rams occurs in the prophecies of Ezekiel. San Francisco has had over four hundred earthquakes since her first settlement.

At the Philadelphia Zoological Garden they have an alligator that climbs a fence five feet high.

Houston county, Ga., is the home of a chicken whose feathers are so like hair as to give the effect of fur.

A tornado which stripped the feathers from chickens and blew away tombstones is the latest product of Kansas.

A gas meter has been invented which, on receiving a nickel in a slot on top, measures off so many feet of gas consumption.

Railway time-tables are now made of convenient size and shape to be inserted inside the cover of a watch for convenient reference.

The invention of the game of chess is attributed to Palamedes, 680 B. C. By some authorities the origin of the game is referred to the Hindoos.

The caliper compass, whereby the bore of cannon, small arms, etc., is measured, is said to have been invented by an artificer of Nuremberg in 1540.

Frank lies, a Derby (Conn.) piano tuner, lost the four fingers on his right hand recently and could no longer play. He brooded over his misfortune until he went insane.

A man in Walker County, Ga., had a horror of burial in earth, so chose a half-acre rock, had his tomb built upon it, and now sleeps in a grand natural mausoleum.

A Michigan man heard that his grandfather had left him a portion of his fortune, and at the appointed time went to the test-office to get his check. It was for seventeen cents.

It is said to be customary for the women employes in a lace factory to work with needles in their mouths. One has held as many as 274 needles in her mouth at the same time.

Mr. Tate, of Hazelhurst, Ga., will live in history as the man who killed two deer at one shot, the animals having "locked" in front of him while in the act of firing, and both receiving part of the charge in their heads.

An inch of steel-knife blade which had been in the brain of a Florida man for two weeks was finally extracted, and the doctor said the patient would, without doubt, get well, medical precedents to the contrary notwithstanding.

Grandmother Heaton, of Virginia, Ill., is doubtless the only person living in the United States born in the famous Tower of London. She is eighty-one years old, and her parents were employed in the grim old prison when she was born.

The old cabin once occupied by John W. Mackay, of bonanza fame, when he mined at Allegheny City, Cal., from 1856 to 1859, is to be exhibited at the Mechanics' Fair in San Francisco. The picks, shovel and rocker used by Mackay will also be exhibited.

A canary bird died at Iroquois, Dakota, recently, at the advanced age of eighteen years and six months. He was a good singer, and possessed all his singing powers until the last year, when he seemed to be in his dotage. During the last two months his eyesight had nearly failed him.

Every year the Emperor of China takes a trip at the vernal equinox to the temple of agriculture, and, after plowing a few furrows with his own hand, offers sacrifices at the four altars of the gods of heaven. This ceremonial is deemed necessary to insure good crops during the coming season.

A Skipper Speaks About the Tides.
In a little French cabaret on Fourth avenue there were assembled a few days ago, says a New York Telegram reporter, a sea captain, a professor of physics in one of the city colleges and a young man who had spent most of his mature years in traveling. The conversation turned upon navigation and particularly upon the phenomenon of tides. The weather-bronzed skipper said that he had found during the course of his travels that in different parts of the world the tides varied, and, while aware of this fact, was unable to account for it.

He had noticed that near the south coast of the Bay of Fundy, in Nova Scotia, the tide rose from sixty to seventy-five feet; off Ushant, nearly fifty feet; forty-five feet between Jersey and St. Malo, and in the lower part of Ungava Bay, which is on the north coast of Labrador, the tide is reported as the greatest at foot and ebb of any known part of the world. It is claimed to have a vertical rise of 120 feet. On the north shore of Hudson's Bay and straits it is from twenty to thirty feet. In the Polar Sea, north of North America and Siberia, there is scarcely any tide, the maximum being about twenty inches only. A Telegram reporter asked the professor for an explanation of this phenomenon.

"The sun and moon," said the Professor, "combine to sweep around the world two immense waves daily. Their greatest heights are attained at full and change of the moon and during one half of the year they occur at night and the other half in the day time. In mid-ocean the greatest height is about twenty feet, but when checked by the shore they are piled up and thus reach their maximum. Inland seas and lakes are not so much affected, because while one part is at its highest in the ocean it is compensated at ninety degrees distance by the lowest tide. This compensation is impossible in seas or lakes of small extent. Though man has succeeded in calculating the regular daily recurring tides with the greatest accuracy, the movements of tidal waves are as little known as when Aristotle drowned himself because unable to predict their coming."

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Imagination you can almost hear the familiar tones of the dear old organ your little ones used to practice on, and tears will fill the eyes and overflow; for those "little ones" are grown men and women now, filling homes of their own, and you are left alone.

It may be you are called "grandpa" and "grandma" now; if so, when you clasp your little grandchildren in your arms you think of that happy "long ago" when your children were small, and all together in the dear old home nest, and your heart will ache for them now, at the thought that they are scattered far away in different cities, to be seen only occasionally, and you realize how hard it is to be separated from those you love. Ah, if we could but recall the days that are past. But, alas, we can not.

Then let us all make the most of "to-day," for when it leaves us, it is forever. The "dim and mystic future" is ever before us, but "departed days" are beyond our recall.

A Woman Proud of Her Longevity.

Probably in no country are examples of longevity so numerous and so striking as in Russia. Almost every day the newspapers contain well authenticated accounts of women and men who took part in, and have a vivid recollection of, the most noteworthy events of the last quarter of the eighteenth century. The latest of these instances is a woman who is only forty-four years younger than the Patriarch Isaac was when he died. This human relic of the past, who celebrated her 140th birthday some weeks ago, lives exclusively on potatoes and milk. She was at all times a strict teetotaler. She is still lively, brisk and cheerful, and can read without spectacles. Commercial Advertiser.

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